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EXAMINER: HECTOR M. REYES

FOR: PREPARATION OF N-ACYLAMINO ACID ESTERS AND N-ACYLAMINO ACETALS

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Sir:

In reply to the Office action of March 26, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment and remarks be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

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A M E N D M E N T

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 14 and 15, and amend Claims 1, 2 and 5, as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper. A clean copy of the claims as herewith amended is found in the attached Appendix II.